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#### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

*B2* A post (1) in which there is an integral lead or wiring harness (5) for conducting current or signals.

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#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 2 and 6, add new claims 7-9 and amend existing claims 1, 3 and 5 with replacement claims as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A post for use in leading an electrical current signal, comprising:

*B3* /a hollow tube constructed of at least two layers including an inner layer and an outer layer, said

layers surrounding a hollow core, and

at least one conductive lead having two ends and being adapted to be connected at said ends to electrically operated devices, said lead being integrally formed with and connected to the tube.

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3. (Twice Amended) A post according to Claim 1, characterized in that at least one lead

*B4* [or wiring harness are] ends *us* connected to one or more connectors, at least in a lower section of the post.

*B5* 5. (Twice Amended) A post according to Claim 1, characterized in that the lead is located

in an interface between the inner layer and the outer layer of the post.

7. (New) A post according to Claim 1 characterized in that the lead is a wiring harness having

a plurality of conductive leads.

8. (New) A post according to Claim 1 characterized in that the lead is disposed within a layer.

*B6* 9. (New) A post for use in leading an electrical current signal, comprising:

(a) a hollow tube having a predetermined length and being constructed of at least two layers including an inner layer and an outer layer, said layers surrounding a hollow core, at least one said layer being formed of a flexible material;

(b) at least one conductive lead having two ends, said lead being integrally formed with and connected to the tube within or between said layers along a substantial portion of its length; and

(c) a connector at said ends of said lead for connecting to electrically operated devices.

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